

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

May 16, 2002

2:00 PM

Room 433, Blatt Building

Members Present: Mr. Staton, Mr. Martin, Mr. Daniel, Dr. Everson, Senator Fair, Senator Giese, Dr. Gummerson, Mrs. Hoag, Mrs. Marlowe, Mr. McTeer, Superintendent Tenenbaum, Mrs. Thompson, Representative Townsend, Mr. Wilson

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Staton welcomed members and guests to the meeting. He announced that Senator Giese had appointed Mrs. Traci Young Cooper for a term beginning on July 1, 2002. He thanked Senator Giese for the appointment.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the April 18 meeting were approved.

III. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Academic Standards and Assessments: Mr. Wilson reported that the Subcommittee had not met.

B. EIA & Improvement Mechanisms: Mr. Staton reported on the status of the General Appropriations Bill and funding for EAA initiatives.

C. Parental Involvement: Mrs. Thompson reported on behalf of the Parental Involvement Subcommittee. She reviewed the final report on the development of the parent survey. Mrs. Thompson offered three recommendations: as revenues improve, funds should be designated to support mailing of the survey; the EOC and SDE staff should work together on a format for reporting results; and the EOC should develop materials so that school personnel and parents can interpret the data and use them for school improvement.

D. Public Awareness: Mr. Martin reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He described the community presentations and the involvement of EOC members in those presentations, the potential for a partnership with the SCSBA, and the announcement of the Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards on Monday.

E. Staff and Administration: Dr. Anderson reported on the status of the governance legislation, noting the actions of the Senate and House Education Committees on May 15.

IV. Special Work Session: Mr. Frank Holleman and Mrs. Ellen Still presented the critical components of the "No Child Left Behind" legislation. There was discussion of the implications of this legislation for SC. The discussion addressed potential definitions of Adequate Yearly Progress, adjustments to the report card and the implications for school and district practices.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.